(e) what would be the additional financial burden to the exchequer, recurring and non-recurring, on account of provision of such security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Under the provisions of Section 4 (1) (ii) of the SPG Act, the SPG is charged with the responsibility of providing proximate security to any former Prime Minister or to the members of his immediate family for a period of five years from the date on which the former Prime Minister ceased to hold the office of the Prime Minister. According to Section 2 (a) of the Act, 'members of the immediate family' means wife, husband, children and parents'. In accordance with these provisions, SPG cover has been provided to Shri Chandrashekhar, the members of his immediate family and that of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, Shri V.P. Singh is yet to give his consent to protection by the SPG.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The anticipated cost of providing such security to former PMs and their families during the current financial year is Rs. 16.89 crores (non-recurring) and Rs. 6.20 crores (recurring) for six months of the year 1991-92.

Special Courts for Crimes against SCs/STs

4050. SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State which have since set up their special courts after the passage of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act) 1989 to check atrocities on SCs/STs.

(b) whether the Government propose to take an early action persuading the remaining States to set up such courts; and

(c) if so, the nature thereof and the time by which the courts would be set up in all remaining States?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). All State Governments and U.T. Administrations, except Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland, have specified special courts for the trial of offences under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The State Government of Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have also set up six and three exclusive special courts, respectively.

The State Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland do not feel it necessary to specify special courts under the Act as there are no incidents of atrocities.

The Act does not extend to Jammu & Kashmir.

Advance given by Doordarshan to Producers

4051. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several private producers received substantial amount from Doordarshan and the final product did not reach the Doordarshan even after a lapse of long periods;

(b) the number of producers and the amount involved during the last three years; and

(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard and the guidelines issued for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Advancing money to private producers for production of television programmes for Doordarshan is an ongoing process. According to Doordarshan, inordinate delay has occurred only in three cases in the last three years and the amount involved is Rs. 10,80,000.00. Doordarshan has already initiated necessary action to rectify the situation in terms of the agreement signed with the outside producers.

News item captioned "Rickshaw Union's charge against Police"

4052. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rickshaw Union's charge against police" appearing in the Hindu dated September 27, 1991;

(b) whether Government have ascertained the facts about the points raised therein; and

(c) if so, the action taken to redress the grievances of the rickshaw pullers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Coverage of News of various Political Parties

4053. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various political parties are given due coverage in the news in National Programme on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the time given to each political party in news during the last six months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Details of time given to political parties, party-wise, in the news coverage of Hind and English bulletings on the National Network during June to November, 1992

	Name of the party	*Time*
1.	Congress (I)	137 MTS. 40 seconds
2.	B.J.P.	85 mts. 37 seconds
3.	Janata Dal	93 mts. 46 seconds